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REMARKS

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1. On 25 June, [] a total of about 70 T-34 tanks arranged in three lines south of the barracks installation at Leipzig-Heiterblick. The installation itself was protected by 10 T-34 tanks [] Three field kitchens were also seen. The tank soldiers were quartered in [] 20-mm AA guns were emplaced in the area. A mobile radio station had been set up at the barracks installation. Radio traffic was being conducted by an armored scout car [] seen near the Heiterblick Vorwerk (estate). [] 10 driving school and 15 train trucks in front of the barracks installation. On 28 June, the 20-mm AA guns mentioned above had been withdrawn. On 29 June, the 10 T-34 tanks previously posted around the installation, were also withdrawn, but the bivouac continued. On 30 June, most of the units assembled at Heiterblick were still alerted. However, driving school operations were resumed. The barracks installation quartered an estimated 1,200 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. An estimated total of 90 T-34 tanks []

[] 2 SP guns, 1 JS-2 tank, 35 to 40 three-axle armored personnel carriers and 5 two-axle armored personnel carriers were also observed.

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2. On 22 June, [] a guard detail of one officer and 10 EM, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, at the Taucha railroad station. On 23 June, the detail was withdrawn. On 26 June, spare parts and two-wheel carriages were transloaded on truck [] At 8:30 p.m. on 28 June, [] a train of 35 cars including three boxcars with personnel passing through Taucha en route from the direction of Leipzig toward Eilenburg. Three field kitchens, 1 ambulance, 5 trucks mounting machine guns and 10 trucks mounting 20-mm AA guns were seen. ² On 29 June, 27 new and [] armored scout cars were unloaded. The bill of lading indicated that the equipment had arrived from the USSR via Frankfurt/Oder. The shipment was escorted by 1 officer and 10 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The armored scout cars moved to the Heiterblick Kaserne. ³ Vehicles []

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[] were observed proceeding to this barracks installation.

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1. Comment. The elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div employed in Leipzig were repeatedly observed [] The present report indicates that the bulk of the troops involved were still in Leipzig on 30 June. []

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2. Comment. This shipment which carried a light AAA unit may have gone to Koenigsbrueck via Falkenberg. The 350th (?) How Arty Regt is located in Eilenburg and the 358th Gds AAA Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in Leisnig.

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[redacted] New armored scout cars were delivered from the USSR also to [redacted] divisions in East Germany. [redacted]

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